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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION AND
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the Office Action issued on March 24, 2006, for which a retroactive extension of time of three months is respectfully requested. The Applicant is herein filing a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. 1.114. A *Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal* and a *Petition for Extension of Time* are attached for this purpose.

Kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1 and 13 are herein amended.